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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 8.

Please amend claims 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 as follows:

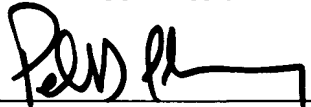
4. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said sheet is formed of natural of synthetic rubber, latex, silicone or elastic foil.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said sheet is of a domed configuration prior to deflation.

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